

NCTC Webcast Information

In order to make our programming available to sites without satellite downlink access, the National Conservation Training Center simulcasts selected satellite broadcasts via an internet based “webcast” (video delivered via the internet). If your computer already has Real Player or Windows Media Player installed, just follow the “how to view” instructions below. The quality of any webcast will vary depending on the speed of your connection & computer. If you have access to an lcd projector, please consider hosting a group session for your office rather than viewing on individual computers. This will help conserve bandwidth and encourage group discussion. Please ask your IT or AV staff to assist with this setup.

Please note, the webcast option is provided for sites that do not have access to a satellite downlink. If available, use a FWS or NPS satellite downlink site as your first choice.

A list of FWS & NPS downlink sites is found at:

<http://distancelearning.fws.gov/>

Please use the listed point of contact to arrange for your site use.

You can search for a NPS or FWS downlink site by zip code at:

<http://www.govlearning.net/sitefinder/>

How to view a NCTC webcast:

You will find the scheduled webcast / broadcast date and time at:

http://distancelearning.fws.gov/sch_events.htm

During the test time, 30 mins prior to the program time, click on the appropriate link for your player below (or copy & paste the address into your browser). After about 40 seconds, you should hear an audio tone and see slides. Disregard the “phone bridge” number (on slides). This pertains only to satellite sites with “push to talk” microphones.

Recommended Player:

Windows Media Player: <mms://pe4.cet.edu/wmtencoder/live.wmv>

Optional Player

Real Player: <http://www.cet.edu/ntv/live.ram>

What you need to do in advance of the webcast date:

A high speed internet connection is required to view a webcast. Dial up phone modem connections do not have sufficient bandwidth to receive audio and video. You’ll need a t-1 line, cable modem, dsl, satellite or similar fast connection. You'll also need the free Real Player or Windows Media Player installed on your computer along with speakers or headphones. Most newer computers have the necessary sound card and processor to handle audio and video.

If your pc runs Windows, the Windows Media Player is probably already installed.

If necessary, you can download & install either the free the Windows Media Player or the free Real Player at:

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html>

You can test either player by selecting the NASA Education Channel at the above website. The Center for Educational Technologies is hosting this NCTC webcast, so you may see NASA content playing before or after the NCTC webcast.

For assistance, e-mail: broadcast@fws.gov or, call 304-876-7666